



Be smoke-free for a Healthy Louisville.

Reasons to stop smoking:

- Your circulation improves. You can breathe easier. Your senses of smell and taste will be heightened.
- You reduce your risk of cancer, stroke, heart and lung diseases and other illnesses.
- After 10 to 15 years off cigarettes, your risk of death from a smoking-related illness will be nearly the same as for people who never smoked at all.
- Your home and workplace will be a healthier place for everyone.
- You will save money. The average smoker spends \$1,000 per year on cigarettes.

For help quitting smoking, or information about setting up stop-smoking programs:

Call **574-STOP (574-7867)**

Visit the Health Department page at:

www.louisvilleky.gov/health

Email:

stopsmoking@louisvilleky.gov

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You can help improve the health of Louisville residents:

- Stop smoking
- Help a friend quit smoking
- Enforce a no-smoking policy in your home and business



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**Louisville's
Comprehensive
Smoke-Free Law
takes effect
JULY 1, 2007**



About Louisville's Comprehensive Smoke-Free Law...

Which buildings are covered?

The new law prohibits smoking in virtually every public building and workplace in Louisville Metro. The new law prohibits smoking in such places as:

- Offices
- Factories
- Bars
- Restaurants
- Private Clubs
- Bingo Halls
- Bowling Alleys
- Stores



The new law does not apply to private homes. Hotels and motels may permit smoking in private rooms. However common areas, such as lobbies and elevators must be smoke-free.

The law exempts horse race tracks and tobacco manufacturing plants.

How will I know that a business is smoke-free?



Just look for the sign! Businesses are required to post "No Smoking" signs at their entrances.

What are the penalties?

When appropriate, citations will be issued to building owners, lessees, business managers and even smokers in violation of the law.

Fines for violating the Smoke-Free law are:

- First offense - \$50 to \$100
- Second offense - \$150 to \$250
- Third and subsequent offenses - \$350 to \$500

Citizens refusing to abide by the law can be fined the same as business operators. Those who refuse to stop smoking in a smoke-free building or area can be asked by management to leave the premises and, if they refuse, be charged with criminal trespass.

How will the law be enforced?

The Louisville Metro Health Department's Division of Environmental Health will investigate complaints as they are received.

If you see someone smoking in a non-smoking building or area:

1. Ask the smoker kindly to put out the cigarette.
2. Inform the business owner/manager.
3. If smoking continues, call MetroCall at 311 to register a complaint.

Healthy for people. Healthy for business.

If you operate a Louisville business...

The Health Department has developed a Smoke-Free Law "toolkit" that includes:

- Guidelines for compliance
- Signs and table tents available for download
- Frequently asked questions and answers
- Sample workplace smoke-free policy
- Information on setting up smoking-cessation programs at your workplace

Check out the toolkit at:

www.louisvilleky.gov

Or call **(502)574-6520** for information.

To offer stop-smoking programs to your employees, call **574-STOP**, or Email **stopsmoking@louisvilleky.gov**